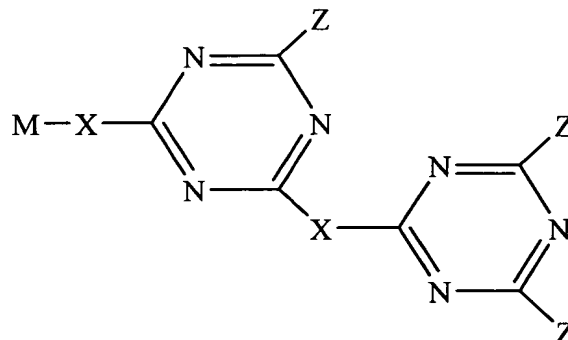


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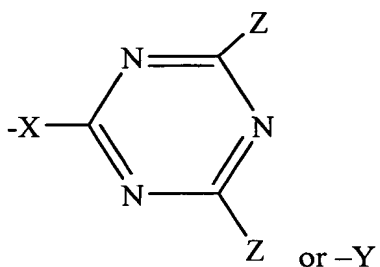
The following amendments are made with respect to the claims in the International application PCT/GB2003/005368.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1 (Original). A compound of the formula



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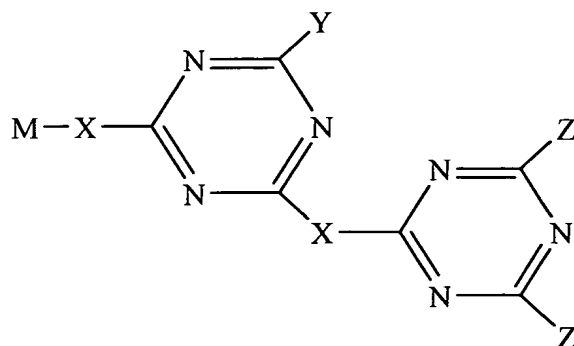


wherein each X is the same or different and is a multivalent aminyl group or diaminyl-terminated spacer;

each Y is the same or different aminyl group; and

M is a support matrix.

2 (Currently amended). [[A]] The compound according to claim 1, of the formula

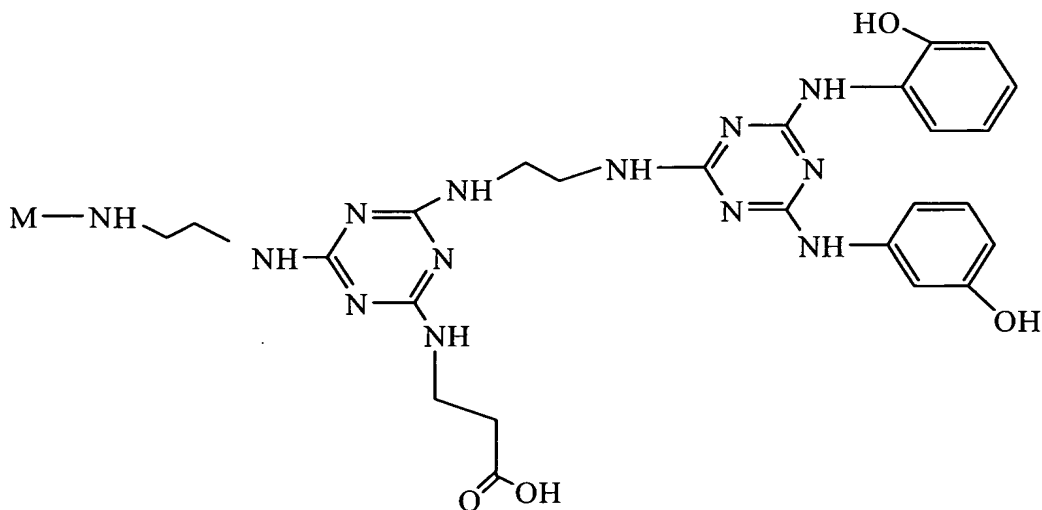


3 (Currently amended). [[A]] The compound according to claim 2, wherein either or each Z is Y.

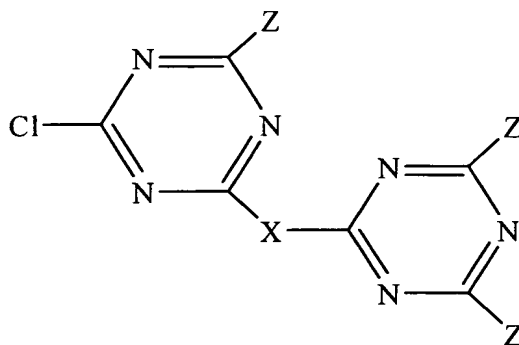
4 (Currently amended). [[A]] The compound according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein each X independently represents a secondary amino group or a diaminoalkane.

5 (Currently amended). [[A]] The compound according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein each is independently selected from optionally substituted aliphatic and aromatic primary amines.

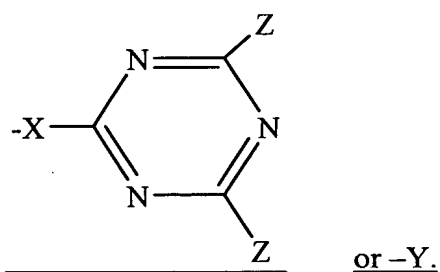
6 (Currently amended). [[A]] The compound according to claim 1, of the formula



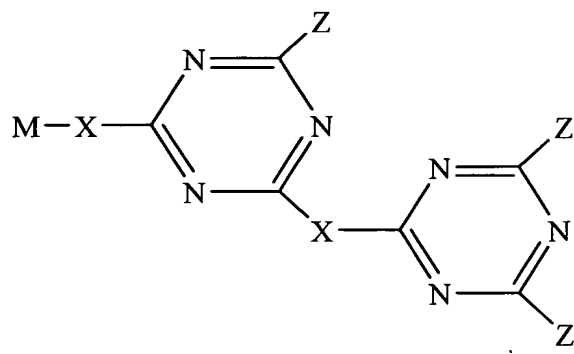
7 (Currently amended). A compound of the formula



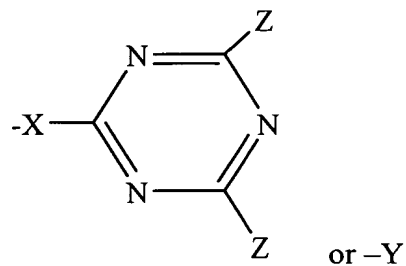
~~wherein Z is as defined in claim 1~~ wherein each Z is the same or different and is



8 (Currently amended). A method for the synthesis of a compound ~~according to~~
~~any of claims 1 to 6,~~ of the formula



wherein each Z is the same or different and is

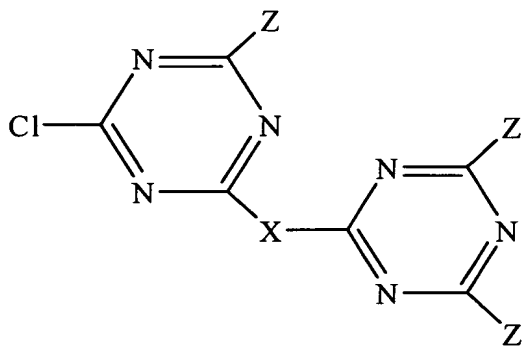


wherein each X is the same or different and is a multivalent aminyl group or diaminyl-terminated spacer;

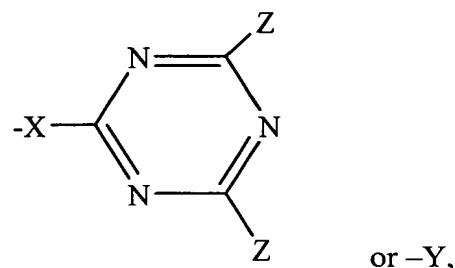
each Y is the same or different aminyl group; and

M is a support matrix;

which wherein said method comprises the reaction of a compound according to claim 7 a compound of the formula



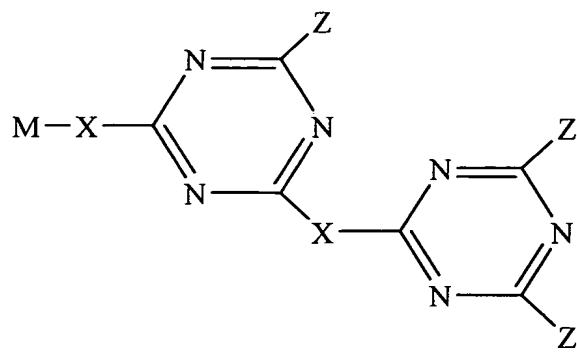
wherein each Z is the same or different and is



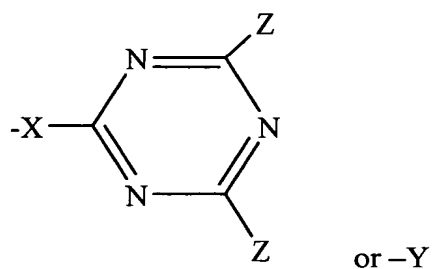
with an amine-containing support matrix.

9 (Currently amended). [[A]] The method for the synthesis of a compound according to claim 7, which comprises the reaction of a dichlorotriazine sequentially with an aminyl group Y, a group X, cyanuric chloride, a second aminyl group Y and a third aminyl group.

10 (Currently amended). A library of related compounds ~~according to any of claims 1 to 6, e.g. on a common support M~~ of the formula:



wherein each Z is the same or different and is

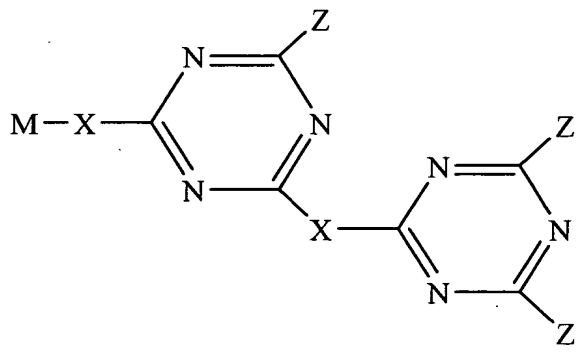


wherein each X is the same or different and is a multivalent aminyl group or diaminyl-terminated spacer;

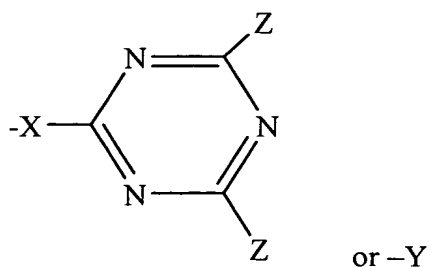
each Y is the same or different aminyl group; and

M is a support matrix.

11 (Currently amended). A method for the production of a library according to ~~claim 10~~, a library of related compounds of the formula:



wherein each Z is the same or different and is



wherein each X is the same or different and is a multivalent aminyl group or diaminyl-terminated spacer;

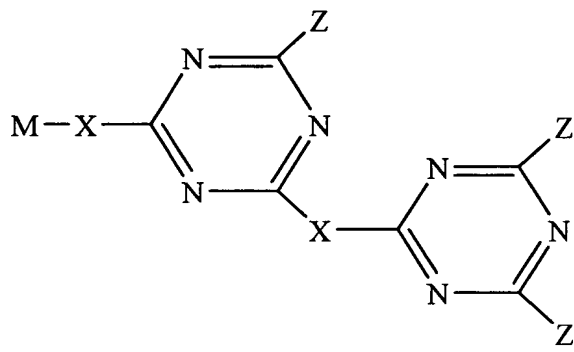
each Y is the same or different aminyl group; and

M is a support matrix

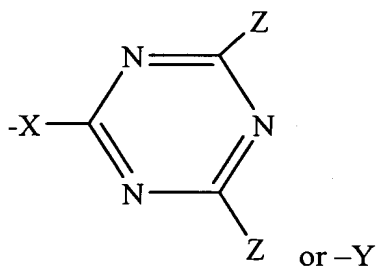
[[which]] wherein said method comprises the synthesis of intermediate structures, either singly or in multiples, dividing the structures into smaller portions, and carrying out appropriate subsequent reaction steps.

12 (Currently amended). A method ~~The use of a compound according to any of claims 1 to 6,~~ for the separation, isolation, purification, characterization, identification, quantification or discovery of peptides and proteins, or for the removal of contaminants, including toxic or pathogenic entities, from a preparation of biological or pharmaceutical compound

wherein said method comprises the use of a compound of the formula



wherein each Z is the same or different and is



wherein each X is the same or different and is a multivalent aminyl group or diaminyl-terminated spacer;

each Y is the same or different aminyl group; and

M is a support matrix.

13 (Currently amended). The method, according to claim 12, A process for the separation, purification or discovery of a proteinaceous material, which comprises subjecting a sample containing ~~[[the]]~~ a proteinaceous material to affinity chromatography using said compound ~~according to any of claims 1 to 6.~~

14 (Currently amended). ~~[[A]]~~ The process according to claim 13, wherein the proteinaceous material is an immunoglobulin or a subclass, fragment, precursor or derivative thereof, including fusion proteins, whether derived from natural or recombinant sources.

15 (Currently amended). ~~The use of a compound method according to any one of claim[[s]] 1 to 6~~ 12, for the removal of contaminants, including toxic or pathogenic entities, from a preparation of biological or pharmaceutical compound.

16 (New). The library, according to claim 10, wherein the compounds are on a common support.